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KOCH ASKS PROBE; RAY SUCCEEDS SCHLESINGER

HOWARD K. SMITH: New York Congressman Edward Koch today asked Congress to investigate instruction that the CIA has given to members of local police departments. The agency agrees it has held what it calls "briefings" on handling intelligence files, recognizing foreign weapons, and detecting explosives, but says this is called for by the 1968 anti-crime law.

The CIA says it has not engaged in any directly police functions, for it's legally prohibited from doing that. Koch says the agency is using semantics to cover what he calls "a gross violation of law."

SMITH: President Nixon today named Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, to be the agency's new Chairman. She is the first woman to hold the chairmanship.

Dr. Ray is 58, succeeds Dr. James Schlesinger, who is now Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.